

City of Rockville Commission on the Environment
March 11, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Faith Klareich (FK), Seth Adams (SA) and Beri Kravitz (BK).

Absent: David Davis (DD), Kris Dighe (KD), Michelle Clark (MC), Tolulope Odunlami (TO) and Geoff Sanders (GS).

Also in attendance: Staff Liaison Nate Wall (NW) and Steve Cardon (SC) – working group member.

1. Welcome, News and Agenda Review

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm in the Blue Crab Room at Rockville City Hall.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

As there was not a quorum present, approval of meeting minutes deferred until next month.

3. Green Building Stakeholder Meetings

All present brainstorm discussion topics for the upcoming Green Building Stakeholder Meetings (April 15th and 16th). Concepts discussed included energy efficient mortgages, the pros and cons of energy efficiency requirements for homeowner Point of Sale transactions (energy audits versus providing one year's worth of energy records), as well as going over FK's table of discussion topics.

FK mentioned that the most successful green building programs clearly identify their priorities – it will be interesting to determine what Rockville's priorities are.

NW to send out email to all Commissioners to see who can attend GB stakeholder meetings on April 15th and 16th.

4. Science Day

All present discussed ideas for the Commission's booth at this year's Science Day. Booth will highlight energy efficiency, specifically CFLs vs. incandescents vs. LEDs, there will be a CFL give-away, static globes to teach kids about electricity, information about home energy audits, possibly small solar PV panels. FK will draw up a schedule for manning the booth at next month's meeting.

5. Working Group Updates

Watershed Protection Working Group

SC mentioned possible dates for the EC's first official "Adopt-A-Stream" cleanup of the Maryvale stream. Dates will most likely be in May – NW to send out email as to what date will work best for most Commissioners. SC would also like to contact the East Rockville Civic Association to get them involved in the cleanup. NW to get ERCA contact info to SC. Burgundy Estates homeowners may wish to pitch in on their own properties on the other side of 28 as well.

Anti-Graffiti Ordinance

Tabled until KD is present – likely on schedule for May 2008 meeting.

6. Staff Updates

NW mentioned that the Annual Potomac Watershed Cleanup Day was coming up on Saturday, April 5th. Like last year, the City is sponsoring several cleanup sites throughout Rockville. Interested Commissioners (and residents) can either show up at 9am at the same cleanup site as last year (Rock Creek right off Southlawn Lane, about a mile east of Gude Dr), or they can come to City Hall at 9am, and be sent to whichever cleanup site needed the most people.

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EMD has been making progress with Graphics in finalizing our logo and materials for our outreach campaign. Some of the EC's comments were incorporated into the final "Sustainable Rockville" logo that will appear on all materials and webpages. The EC can now submit any outreach material they would like formatted into the new outreach templates for print and web.

7. Possible Closed Session

The Commission will postpone the closed session to discuss filling the vacancy until next month's agenda.

8. Wrap-Up and Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm.